CHAMPIONS WHO FOUGHT OUT OF THEIR CLASS

Several Other Fighters Before the Cleveland Featherweight's Time Went Out of Their Class Successfully-McGovern's Defeat of Joe Gans One Notable Instance Where Fighting Fury of Lighter Man Overwhelmed Steady Skill of Heavier

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HEN Johnny Klibane whipped Freddy Welsh in ten rounds in New York last week his feat was spoken of as one of the most remark ble ever seen in the ring. A little fellow, world's featherweight



lasted until the welcome sound of the last bell rang in Freddy's ears. Kilbane didn't knock Weish out. whelmed from the start, contented himself with desperately clinging to his title. Every one knows that even a "dub" can last several rounds with a champion if he refuses to open up

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mpion if he refuses to open up a champion if he refuses to open up and fight. Imagine how much harder it was to knock out Weish, who is not a dub, but an extremely clever boxer.

Kilbane has shown that he is Welsh's superior.

The superior of the refuses to open up knocked cut Heavyweight Champion in the provest of the control of the control of the middleweight and that he never, when in his prime, fought above the middleweight limit of 188 pounds.

But little Johnny Klibane isn't the went out or his class to fight a title-

went out or his class to fight a title-holder in a heavier class.

One of the most famous cases on record was that of Terry McGovern, who fought Joe Gans in Chicago and knocked out the wonderful black lightweight in two rounds. At that time Gans was even better than when he won the litle from Frank Erne. He was a model fighter—long-armed, sinewy, full of endurance and speed and master boxer. One would hardly think the fiery McGovern would be able to last six rounds with Gans. McGovern was king of the feather-weights and a marvellous little fighter, He was the greatest feather-weight, possibly excepting George Dixon, that ever held the title in his class. He was the quickest finisher Olison, that ever held the title in his class. He was the quickest finisher that ever held the title. His fights started with a furious rush, a whirl of fists, a thudding of gloves, and usually with a count by the referee shortly afterward. And it was always Terry who stood by and watched the counting. He hit with tremendous speed and fury, overwhelming his outponents. Terry never studied a does speed and tury, overwhelming his opponents. Terry never studied a defense. He used to tell me, when he was champion, that he didn't need to block blows—that the speed of his attack always kept his opponents so busy defending themselves that they didn't have time to shoot their own blows straight to the mark.

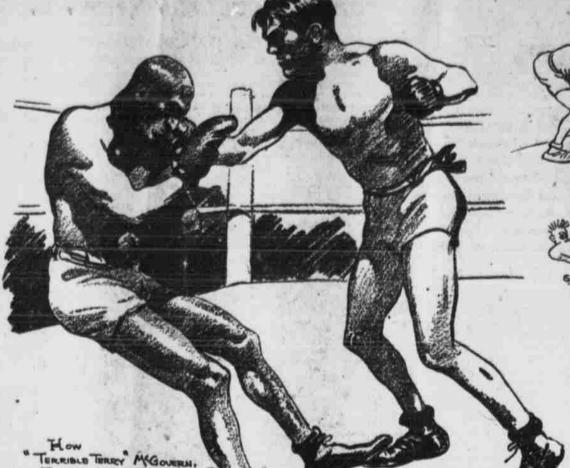
Harris, Terry's manager from the ranks well with the efforts of the beginning of his career, had already made a fortune backing his champion, and was always willing to place a good-sized bet. He took Terry's a good-sized bet. He took money and of it as long as any Gans money

came in.

The instant the fight started Mc-Govern flashed from his corner and went headlong across the ring. Paople had thought that for once Mc-Govern would be careful. But Gans wasn't taken by surprise. He met McGovern with arms extended in his usual perfect blocking system. He met McGovern all prepared. And then came a shock of surprise. Mc-Govern's flalling fists beat Gans's perfect guard down in an instant, and there was Gans staggering away, popeyed with the concentrated mental after the concentration of the circle after the concentrated mental after the concentration of the circle after the concentrated mental after the concentration of the circle after rent headlong across the ring.

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Fitz didn't care how big the other fellow was. A more ancient case was the fight between England's "boxing champion." Charile Mitchell, and John L. Sullivan. Mitchell was little over the welterweight class, yet he fought Sullivan to a draw at Chantilly, France, bare fitz, London prize ring rules, on muddy turf in a rainstorm. Abe Attell, when he was feather-weight champion, fought many good lightweights. Most notable of his performances was a fifteen-round draw with lightweight champion Battling Nelson. Bat, as a rule, insisted that his championship fights must be of twenty rounds or more. Attell wouldn't fight Nelson twenty rounds, knowing that the Durable Dane's weight advantage would count too heavily in a long fight. Nelson compromised by agreeing to fight Attell lifteen rounds, the decision to be "draw" if both were on their feet at the end. He knew Attell, unless knocked out, could outpoint him in the shorter bout. Of course many champions have gone out of their class unsuccessfully. National League Magnates To Hold Special Meeting In This City To-Day

Many Important Matters to Be Discussed, Including the Question of Limiting Club Rosters to Eighteen Players, Owing to Poor Attendance Due to Weather and War Conditions.

PEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION, KNOCKED OUT JOE GAMS,

GREATEST OF ALL

WE National League magnates the shorter bout.

Of course many champions have gone out of their class unsuccessfully. McGovern was knocked out at last by Young Corbett, a lightweight, Kid Williams was a great little bantam champion until, finding bantam material running out, he became ambitious and tried to beat Johnny Kilbane for the feather title in a sixwill hold a special meeting at President Tener's headquarto-day at which several important matters will be discussed. cutting down each club's roster to bitious and tried to beat Johnny Kilbane of the straight to the mark.

WHEN TERRY OVERWHELMED
THE GREAT JOE GANS.

The Gans-McGovern fight in Chicago was a big betting affair. The couldn't lose. They felt sure that Gans's great coolness under fire would enable him to stand off Terry's wild rushes, and that he'd be able to drive a winning blow to the unprotected tip of Terry's chin. Sam Harris, Terry's manager from the stands of the set of the days of the manager from the ranks well with the efforts of the sighteen players on account of the expected slump in attendance owing to war conditions. There has been some talk of winding up the season a month ahead of time, or about Sept. I, the period when nearly a million men' throughout the country will have to go to camp to drill, according to the provisions of the draft bill that will be signed next week by Fresident Wilson.

The weather has been so poor this spring that the magnates are

spring that the magnates are walking in circles because of the fact that they have to pay rent

schether there is a game or not and their players are on the job the first and lifteenth of every month no matter how little work then have desired.

Charile Ebbets, President of the Dodgers, who has to look at the standing of the clubs upside down in order to see his club where it was at the finish of last season, is again going to take up his fight to persuade the club owners to start he ball arolling next spring on April 24 and close on Oct. 13 which, by the way, would enable him to get in a game on his favorite holiday—Columbus Day. The soulies has prepared a metorological

The Giants and the Reds went slong for four innings without either side scoring. In the fifth the New Yorks cut loose and before they were through eight runs had crossed the plate. Manager Matty trotted out three twirlers, Schneider, Perry and Knetzer. They all looked alike to the Giants, who banged out eleven hits. McCarty and Holke made three hits apiece, while Zimmerman connected for two—a double and a triple.

Ferdie Schupp, the left-handed star of the McGrawa cian, had so much speed that he had all the Redmen dizzy, with the exception of Jim Thorpe, his old teammate. The Fox Thorpe, his old teammate. The Fox and Sac Indian made two runs, two

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

R. Edgren.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. Clubs. W. L. P.C. Clubs. W. L. P.C. Newark... 12 4.760 Toronto... 9 11.450 Baltimere.13 6.884 Belfmond 8 12.400 Provides. 11 8.579 Montrest... 7 11.389 Rothesser.19 8.886 Buffalo... 4 14.222

RESULTS YESTERDAY.
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Providence, 11; Toronto, &
Rochester vs. Newark (rain).

Baltimore vs. Montreal (rain), GAMES TO-DAY. Providence at Toronto

Athletic Notes

President Wilson, from his deak in the White House, will give the start- with their vocabularies in the pink of ing signal at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon for the start of the Modified "poor days" in April for what his Marathon run, which promises to be charts indicate will probably be eight or nine "good days" in October. It would cut down the schedule from held in the United States this year. 180 to 175 playing dates, but this could Fifteen hundred athletes will line up at the Concourse and One Hundred and Seventy-third Street, wait- club, to me recently:

The annual high school novice track and field games of the Public Schools Athletic League will be held at the Brocklyn Athletic Field this afterneon as a counter attraction to the marathon run. De Witt Clinton appears to have a promising crop of novices and is favored to win the meet.

The one-mile relay race for the Albert Trophy, usually a feature of the indoor games of Hamilton Institute, will be held as an added feature of the New York A. C. spring games at Travers Island on June 2. The race is for teams from the graduating classes of the high and preparatory schools of the metropolitan district.

Christy Mathewson,

Former Star of Giants and Manager of Cincinnati Reds.

BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP

Lack of Hand Shaking Makes Baseball Games Contests Instead of Exhibitions-Methods Used by McGraw and Stallings to Instil Scrappy Spirit.

Giants, Brooklyns and Boston.

For handshaking, you now find hard games and the good old bean ball substituted. One team is claiming another is trying to dent the heads of its star batsmen and then the opposing pitcher breaks one over close to the chin whiskers. This all makes baseball. A game is either an exhibition or a contest, and these games in the East this year are battles. They certainly have the war spirit here. The boys are riding high around the bases and started the race around the bases and started the race

condition.

McGraw and Stallings are mana gers who have always liked to manu-facture feeling between the rival clubs, believing it made better bali games and festered a winning spirit. Each has the same general idea, al-though they use different methods. Said Tom Clark, the catcher on my

when President Wilson presses an Polo Grounds and remarked to me:
electric button in Washington.

"I guess you're lucky to be catching on this ball club. Herzog is
ing on this ball club. Herzog is
around telling everybody be wants around telling everybody he wants to get rid of you and is only let-ting you work so that other teams will think you are worth something, and he will be able to make a good trade.

America for three-year-olds, will be worth approximately \$15,000 to the

"I pulled off my mask, sore all the way through and asked:
"'Did he say that?"
"'Sure, he did,' answered Rube.

that handshaking had hurt base-ball and sopped some of the color out of the game.

The four clubs representing the wide West arrived in the untamed East the other day and promptly realized the predictions of the sages had worked out as scheduled.

"If the players don't stand behind the fraternity on this strike," declared a club owner to me last winter, "you will see more fighting ball games next year."

We have found this to be true-have discovered that the color nas been laid on thick in the battles among the Eastern clubs and that lots of feeling exists between the Glants, Brooklyns and Boston.

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With "Bugs" Baer

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ool Harvard has abandoned her July football schedule.

PLENT WARD only averaged 100 miles an hour in his last race. These

All the umpires are strong for Papa Joffre. His longest appeach in America was fifty words. There are sixty wrestlers and a mat entered in the Atlantic City tournament. Don't roast boys, you may have little mats of your own

The last lightweight contest we lamped hadn't gone eight rounds before it degenerated into a fight.

May even go so far that Clark Griffith will eventually cancel his

Baseball fans horning in on com-plimentary passes will be taxed five cents. It won't be a complimentary tax either.

YEA BO.

In spite of his showing against Kil-bane, iii' old Freddy Welsh continues to be the best welterweight in the lightweight class.

In addition ... lamping some of those baseball games, fans will have a war tax inflicted on 'em. Thought that you couldn't get punished twice for the same crime in America.

There are two kinds of finished ballplayers. Those who are fin-ished and those who have.

YOU SAID IT. Pittsburgh isn't getting slong half so well without Wagner as the other

EASILY.

Cold weather and rain are holding the leagues back. Nick Altrock figures that if it hadn't been for all the postponements in April it would be June already.

Country's Best Three-Year-Olds In Rich Kentucky Derby To-Day

Twelve Horses Go to Post in
Forty-third Running of Classic at Churchill Downs.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12.

E IGHTEEN thoroughbreds are named to start in the forty-third Kentucky Derby at one mile and a quarter at Churchill Downs to-day. Only twelve, however, are likely to go to the post.

assigned top weight of 154 pounds by W. S. Vosburgh in the Paumanck by Michael and Last furious at the Metropolitan Jockey Club's Jamaica track on Friday.

Eighty-two horses have been named for this fixture, forty more than last Eighty-two horses have been named for this fixture, forty more than last Fight with the post of the post.

Fennant, by virtue of his performance at the Maryland track under heavy impost, has no doubt earned the right to this post of honor, for he has been making quite a name for himself. Sand Marsh, which won the race last year, comes next on the list and has been asked to shoulder 129 pounds. dred and Seventy-third Street, waiting for the unfurling of a huge American flag, which will be out loose
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worth approximately \$15,000 to the winner, as against \$3,000, the share of Aristides in the first Derby in 1875. The second horse will receive \$2,500, the third \$1,000 and the fourth will Then I got to thinking it over and figured maybe McGraw had put him up to it. Next. I began to believe Herzog had really made this and Owner Khayyam—are expected to Of the probable starters, three imported colts-War Star, Manister Tol and Omar Khayyam-are expected to "Well, if that's so, I'll ask him,' I compete with the best in America.

J. D. Odom, father of George Odom, the one time prominent jockey and now the trainer of a public stable of thoroughbred horses, died at his home in Brooklyn yesterday at the

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HOW TO RECEIVE SPORT LEGION MEDALS. Service medals, to be presented

to all members of the Sporting Legion, recruited by The Evening World, who are formally enrolled in either the Naval Reserve or the Twelfth New York Infantry, will be ready next week for distribution. To facilitate the sending of these medals, which may be worn at all times, legion members accepted in the aforementioned branches of service are requested to send their names, addresses they named on their legion enrollment blanks and the address to which they wish their medals sent. Bend these communications to

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equire has prepared a meteorological chart, which is said to be a record of the weather since 1871. The Brookyn boss wants to eliminate thirteen